

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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Deanery News and Announcements

LAY READERS CONFERENCE: The Annual Lay Readers Conference takes place in North Bay from Friday September 25 to Sunday September 27. More information regarding agenda, speakers, accommodation etc. can be found by clicking [here](#)

GOD BLESS OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN! At 1230 hrs (Eastern Standard Time) on the ninth of September in the year of our Lord 2015, HM Queen Elizabeth II will surpass her Grandmother Queen Victoria as the longest reigning Commonwealth monarch in history, having sat (D.V.) 63 years to date. Previously, when Queen Victoria surpassed the historic reign of King George, commemorative celebrations across the Commonwealth noted this grace by the ringing of Church bells. On the Sunday closest to September 9th, please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Her Majesty, and if you have church bells, please ring them in her honour at the end of the service.

A history lesson.....

How did they figure it out? Queen Victoria began her reign as Queen of the British Empire on June 20th, 1837 and died on January 22nd, 1901. She reigned a full 63 years, and a further 217 days. Elizabeth became Queen upon the death of her father, George 6th, on February 6th, 1952. Her coronation took place on June 2nd 1953. Elizabeth will have reigned 63 years on February 5th, 2015. A further 217 days will see Queen Elizabeth 2nd match Queen Victoria's reign on September 10th, 2015.

Taking into account leap years during both monarchs' reigns, it has been decided that on the evening of September 9th, Queen Elizabeth will become the longest serving British monarch.

Sudbury Anglicans will also be wishing the Queen well by posting a sign on the notice board at the Bell Park Amphitheatre on August 31st, September 1st and 2nd. Check it out!

PLANNING FOR "LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" BEGINS:

Please take a look at the letter from Bishop Stephen regarding "Lift Up Your Hearts" by clicking [here](#).

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL:

There are many events scheduled for September in our Deanery...

1) Have you wondered what Messy Church is about? Come experience it at **MESSY FIESTA** a day to experience and learn about Messy Church. To find out more about Messy Church, visit www.messychurch.ca and look for the video!

Messy Fiesta takes place on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10 am – 3:00 pm at the Church of the Ascension, 1476 Sparks St. The cost (includes lunch, crafts, handouts and a fun day) is \$25/person.

NOTE: If you are planning to attend, or even thinking about joining us at the Messy Fiesta please email or call Beverly van der Jagt (Child and Youth Ministry Facilitator) so that we can determine if we have enough interest at this time. Our facilitators for this event are Sue and Andy Kalbfleisch, Messy Church Canada Team Leaders will be joining us from the Hamilton area.

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2) Fr. Tim Perry is leading a teaching series at the Epiphany on Wednesday evenings starting September. CREDO: The Apostles' Creed and why we have it. An exploration of "Mere Christianity" September 9 – October 28th. The talk will be at 7:00 and the evening will end with Compline at 8:15. A poster has been sent to all clergy.

3) ACW Fall Deanery Meeting: Stay tuned for more information regarding this annual event on Saturday, October 3rd at St. John the Divine. The day will begin with muffins, coffee and registration, followed by a Eucharist service, lunch and in the afternoon our guest speaker will be Del Nussey from Lively to share some of her life insights and wisdom.

4) Please note that the **Deanery Music Day** (as announced in June) that was to take place September 26th has been postponed until later in the fall.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA FACEBOOK PAGE: Re-Imagining Sunday School...

"That is the reason we come together each week, in worship and in learning, to hear the story and find our place in it."

Click [here](#) to read the article.

READINGS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

Taken from <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Proper 17 (22) (August 30, 2015)

- First reading and Psalm
 - Song of Solomon 2:8-13
 - Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
 - Psalm 15
- Second reading
 - James 1:17-27
- Gospel
 - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23